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MURDER SCENE

This alleyway near Godfrey Walk was the scene of a vicious attack last Thursday in which a woman was stabbed to death.

Fifty-year-old Susie Smith died of her injuries after being taken to the William Harvey Hospital. Steven Brooker, 42, appeared in court on Monday charged with her murder.

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BY ED HILL

ON THE eve of the election voters in Ashford have said they want to see a change in government.

Their concerns are wide ranging, focusing not only individual issues but on the state of democracy as a whole.

Paul Lamont, 64, a former NHS nurse said it was a scandal that so much money was wasted in the public sector and in local and central government.

He said: "The money just seems to go on executive pay not front-line services. Money that Labour has thrown at the NHS has just gone into management with very little benefit to the patients."

Mr Lamont, from Aldington, said the prospect of a hung parliament filled him with dread, but there needed to be election reform to get a more effective democracy.

He said: "Firstly, I would make it compulsory for everyone to vote as they do in Canada. Also I think we should have proportional representation. The election system is not democratic."

However, he still felt the link with a local MP in Westminster was important.

Mr Lamont said: "As a local person I can always appeal to my MP in a last-ditch situation."

The TV debates between the party leaders were welcomed by most with many considering Tory David Cameron had come over well.

However, Denise Flanagan, from Boughton Aluph, felt the Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg offered a new approach to politics that she liked.

She said: "I think the debates gave the leaders more time to talk about their policies than

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Candidates take final chance to win your vote

ELECTION 2010

BY ED HILL

THE candidates discuss their local transport policies, the problem of Operation Stack, and talk about their efforts to re-engage the public.

Damian Green (Conservative) Transport

Operation Stack is an unnecessary blight on life in Kent. We need a lorry park in Kent anyway, and I believe it should be as near to Dover as possible. Specifically, I think it should be after the M20 exit for the Tunnel.

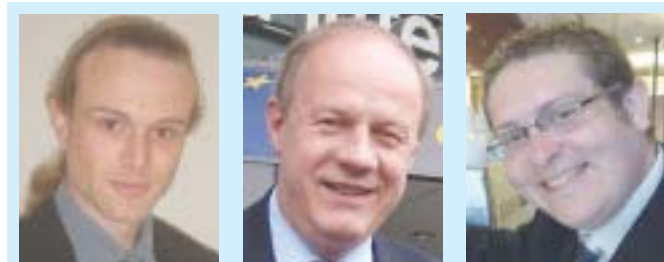
I agree that Ashford would be a better place to live if it did not simply become a commuter town. The way to achieve that is to provide high-quality jobs in the area.

It is important to make sure that those who live in Ashford benefit from the growth. Without the extra population, we would not have the high speed train, or new shops and leisure facilities. We now need similar improvements in the arts and cultural facilities available.

Politics

It is really important for MPs to play a role in their communities all the time, and this is why I try to support as many organisations as possible. For years I have been involved with charities like Find A Voice and Carers' Support, and I am vice-president both of the Ashford Choral Society and of the Kent Branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England.

As for re-engaging the public, I think complete transparency is the start, and after that a demonstration that Parliament can do its job in holding ministers to account. If we cut back on quangoes then ministers will have to take responsibility.



VIEWS: Steve Campkin (Green), Damian Green (Conservative) and Chris Clark (Labour)

Chris Clark (Labour) Transport

Operation Stack causes real inconvenience to ordinary motorists, and something needs to be done as soon as possible to improve the situation. Unfortunately, the Conservatives in Kent are divided about what to do, and so no progress is being made.

We support the moveable barrier, which keeps traffic moving, as only one motorway is used to stack the lorries, while the other is divided, so traffic can flow both ways. It is currently used on one stretch of the M20, but I would like to see this expanded to the whole motorway.

I oppose the construction of the lorry parks, as I believe we need to preserve Kent's beauty. There are issues such as litter, noise and traffic disruption with the lorries parking around Orbital Park, and as soon as the Tories start listening to our plans we can resolve the problem.

Politics

People were right to be angry about MPs' expenses— I felt the same. Labour has a plan to reform parliament and clean up politics. We will hold referenda next year on changing our electoral system and replacing the House of Lords with a democratically-elected second chamber. We will introduce fixed terms for parliaments, and give voters the right to sack their MP if they are found guilty of corruption or misconduct. We will also hold a free vote in parliament on lowering the voting age to 16.

Steve Campkin (Green) Transport

Foreign lorries often clog up Ashford's roads during the weekends, especially in Orbital Park. Kent Green Party proposes that freight be transferred to rail, with the railway being brought back into public ownership.

Freight depots can be built on the waste land in Dover docks and we can re-use the Newtown railway works.

Politics

People are apathetic about politics because they don't understand it. They are not kept informed, all of which leaves politicians free to abuse the system. I would make everything transparent. We shouldn't need to snoop around on independent websites like TheyWorkForYou.com to find out what our MP has been up to, and expenses should be receipt-based and published.

I would have a surgery in town, probably in the Local Business Zone, not out in a village that no-one can get to, with a shop front making all local information such as planning applications and up-coming events available.

And I wouldn't require a big car, or a second home, nor would I associate myself with arms manufacturers or large companies that would try to influence my vote during parliament.

• Liberal Democrat candidate Chris Took discusses these issues in this week's YourLocalInterview on page 8.

No campus closures in college merger

NO CAMPUSES will be closed as a result of the recently-completed merger between South Kent and West Kent College, it has been confirmed.

All five towns affected – including Folkestone, Dover and Ashford, where SKC operates – will be open for business in September as usual.

However, there is still the issue of future funding cuts, which both sides admit will have an impact on future budgets.

Principle of the new merged institution, Bill Fearon and Adam Lincoln, regional officer of college staff union the UCU, said in a joint statement: "There will be a sustained campaign to increase student enrolments, particularly across the old South Kent College sites.

"We are pleased to confirm there was no truth in speculation that sites would be closed. The management of

the college will be working in co-operation with the officials of the UCU to create a first-class college, utilising and enhancing its assets."

The statement said the merger, which came into effect at midnight on March 31, was "moving into the practical phase of combining the strengths of the two colleges" and hopes to provide "excellent opportunities" for students, employers and staff.

Funding cuts

During meetings between unions and management it was agreed that the impact of funding cuts, which are separate from any merger issues, would result in changes to both colleges.

However a spokesman said there was an "absolute commitment" to providing a full range of further and higher education courses on all five

campuses, which also includes Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, in the years ahead.



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High-speed trains laid up as demand drops

■ BY ED HILL

SOUTHEASTERN Railways has admitted that high speed trains have been parked at the Ashford depot due to lack of demand for the services on its north Kent line.

Last week the BBC reported that scores of carriages from the Hitachi high speed Javelin trains were seen at Ashford and were not being used by the rail operator.

But the company explained this was just part of its normal monitoring of passenger demand. It had made some alterations to the length of trains on three trains running from Broadstairs in the morning, along with three returning from London in the afternoon on the north Kent line.

However, unlike the mainline trains where one carriage can either be added or taken away, the design of the high speed trains meant they could only be halved from 12 carriages to six.

They argued they may well have to increase the length of trains to 12 again when usual demand increased.

They said it that all the passengers from Broadstairs could be accommodated on a six-carriage train and it was environmentally friendly not to use longer trains when they were not needed as they used more electricity.

Jon Hay-Campbell, from Southeastern, said: "They are not standing around doing nothing; all trains are rotated and have to undergo regular maintenance so they are doing that or being used on the Ashford, Dover or Ramsgate



GOING NOWHERE: The BBC has reported many high-speed trains are parked up in sidings at Ashford International

service. This is a logical and straightforward step that any responsible train company would make on a daily or weekly basis.

"We run more than 2,000 trains every day and this is about six of those. We regularly review the length of all services we run every day and always look to match the length of trains to passenger demand.

Demand for the high speed service has been high from Ashford, but in other areas where the time saving to London is less, it has not proved as popular.

Mr Hay-Campbell added: "We will continue to review all our services and where needed make adjustments in the future."

The train operator also announced a new timetable that would be introduced on May 23.

The changes are only minor, despite some grievances expressed by rail users on the north Kent line that their service has got worse since the introduction of high speed services.

Vince Lucas, service delivery director from the company said: "In December we introduced a new timetable which saw every train time change and the introduction of high speed services. This saw an extra 200 services every day increasing capacity by 5 per cent. The early indications are that it is proving a success."

• For full details of the timetable changes visit www.southeasternrailway.co.uk



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

Library build begins

DEMOLITION of the old library in Church Road began this week.

The old Ashford library building is being replaced by the brand new Ashford Gateway Plus – a £7.56 million project to create an eye-catching new building housing the library and a range of public and voluntary services, including a new register office, under one roof.

Ashford sea cadet dies in rigging fall

A SEA cadet who plunged 30ft to his death from the rigging of a training ship has been named as Ashford sea cadet, Jonathan Martin.

The 14-year-old fell into the sea from the Sea Cadet Corp's flagship after celebrations to mark the organisation's 150th anniversary.

Up to 18 other young people, who had also climbed the rigging to gather in the ship's sails, are thought to have witnessed Jonathan's fall.

His death is being investigated by Hampshire police and the Marine Accident Investigation Unit after questions were raised about whether Jonathan had been properly strapped into a safety harness.

Jonathan lived in the village of Shadoxhurst with his parents, company directors Andrew Martin, 56, and Julie Martin, 51.

Jonathan's death is the first in the history of the Sea Cadets.

'I think Brown has let us down'

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you would normally get on TV."

The 33-year-old's main concerns revolved around care for the elderly and whether enough money was being spent on education.

The mother-of-two primary school girls said: "I think more needs to be done for carers in the future and there is not enough money in schools for things like teaching assistants."

But she was less concerned about the economy.

She said: "People talk a lot about unemployment, but there is work out there if you want it. I think people can be too fussy."

Immigration was also a topic on people's minds mainly because of the strain it put on public resources.

Vivian Sanderson, from Kennington, said: "I am a member of the Salvation Army and we often have to deal with the consequences of people ending up on the streets."

"Many people don't realise just how serious a problem it can be even in a small town like Ashford."

The 83-year-old said she felt that pensioners were very well treated, but was still angry about former Prime Minister Tony Blair involving the country in the war in Iraq. She also pointed out this was the first time Gordon Brown had faced the electorate.

She said: "I think he has been letting us down, but he has never been elected by the people."

Partner charged in alleyway murder

A 42-YEAR-OLD man appeared at Dover Magistrates' Court on Monday charged with the murder of a woman in Ashford.

Susie Smith, also known as Susie Beaney, was stabbed in an alleyway which runs between Christchurch Road and Godfrey Walk on Thursday evening. She was taken to the William Harvey Hospital where she died from her injuries.

The 50-year-old is thought to have been a mother of two grown-up children.

Ms Smith's partner, Steven Brooker from Waterman House in Godfrey Walk, was later arrested on suspicion of murder.

One neighbour, who did not wish to be named, said: "The police were swarming here on Thursday when it happened. They carried out door to door enquiries and all the forensic people were here in their white coats."

"They were a well known couple in the area. We have seen both of them around here for a long time. He had been seen being verbally abusive to her in the past but I don't know what happened on the night. It was a shock when we heard that she had actually died."

The couple are thought to have

lived in the area for at least four years.

Shopkeeper Samser Lambu said: "We felt so sorry for her when we heard about it. We only found out two days after it had happened. She used to come in here every day to buy a couple of cans of beer. It is a very sad incident."

Police would like to speak to anyone who might have information about the incident. Call the Major Crime Investigation Team on 01622 652570 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



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RECREATION: Land earmarked for eco homes was designated as a village green after a neighbourhood campaign

Residents win battle to save green space

HOUSEHOLDERS in Bybrook, Kennington, have won their battle to have green space on the corner of Beechholme Drive designated as a village green.

Ashford council had earmarked the land to build 19 eco homes on the site but many objected because they said the land was often used by children and dog walkers.

Last Tuesday Kent County Council Regulation Committee agreed the site could be designated a village green.

The decision follows a public enquiry which was held earlier this year in front of an Independent planning inspector in which local people and Ashford council presented their evidence for and against the application.

Pat Boorman from the Bybrook and Bockhanger Residents' Group, who led the campaign, said: "It is absolutely brilliant after all the hard work. I had to prepare three big folders with 100 pages in each arguing our case. It cost me a fortune but it was definitely worth it in the end."

Ashford council argued the land was not being used by the community and was a site where burnt-out cars and rubbish had been left. However, local people denied this was a serious problem.

■ BY ED HILL

In her report to the council, planning inspector Lana Wood concluded: "There was evidence that the land was used for a number of lawful sports and pastimes, including football, dog walking, using the play area, toddlers' games and other play."

"I accept the applicants' evidence that the land has been used by local inhabitants for informal recreation throughout the relevant period and recommend that the Registration Authority should so find."

The decision means the land cannot be developed by the Hyde Housing Association for the affordable homes.

Tracey Kerly, head of housing at Ashford council, said: "We are pleased the decision has concluded the debate about the future of this open space."

"The community now have a village green which will prevent development from taking place on this land in the future."

"The plans for a small development of much needed affordable homes on the site will now not take place."

Mrs Boorman said the community wanted to leave the land as it was although in the future they might see if a sports pitch could be built there.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Free swimming lessons

A SCHEME to get more people swimming in the borough is expanding to offer free swimming lessons.

Ashford council's Active Swim programme is now in its fourth phase. It aims to give free swimming sessions to specific groups of people who otherwise find it difficult to access physical exercise.

The scheme is run in conjunction with Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT and Ashford and Tenterden Leisure Centre Trusts for three month periods.

The PCT has extended its funding to £273,750 for free swimming and other physical activities up to March 2011.

There will also be vouchers available for anyone online for up to 10 free swimming lessons at the Stour Centre, and 12 lessons at Tenterden Leisure Centre. To get lessons visit the Active website www.activeashford.co.uk. Terms and conditions apply.

UKIP candidate's concerns

THE UKIP candidate for Ashford Jeffery Elenor has said he will be standing on the party's policies on Europe.

But the retired civil servant who lives in Thanet says he also concerned about domestic issues such as jobs and the smoking ban.

He told Yourashford: "The smoking ban is one of the most common things people talk to me about when I meet them in the street. We need to take a more relaxed approach. My other concern is always for good quality jobs for young people particularly the young hard working family man and woman. We need to try and get more tax relief in that direction that would benefit everyone."

The 77 year-old said he is enjoying being part of the election campaign.

Cannabis factory haul

PUNGENT smells prompted police to seize 250 cannabis plants from a house in Ashford last weekend.

The plants, along with equipment to grow the illegal drug, was confiscated from a house in Willington, Washford Farm on Sunday, April 25 at 2.55pm.

A 38-year-old man who lives at the house was arrested and has now been bailed pending further enquiries.

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POLICE have released an e-fit image of a cowardly robber who targeted two teenagers in Kinneys Lane, Kennington.

The attack took place on April 4 between 6.45pm and 7.15pm.

A 16-year-old boy and his friend were walking along the cycle path that leads to Ashford Rugby club. As they walked through the underpass for the M20 motorway, a man approached them and asked for the time and the 16 year-old took out his mobile phone.



E-FIT: Teen wanted by police

The man demanded the phone, and hit the 16 year old, punching him in the face and stomach. He

grabbed his skateboard and threw it in the river, and then took his wallet from his pocket before running off towards Tesco Express.

The attacker is described as white, aged 16 to 17, with a spotty complexion, and wearing a grey or beige hoodie with dark jeans.

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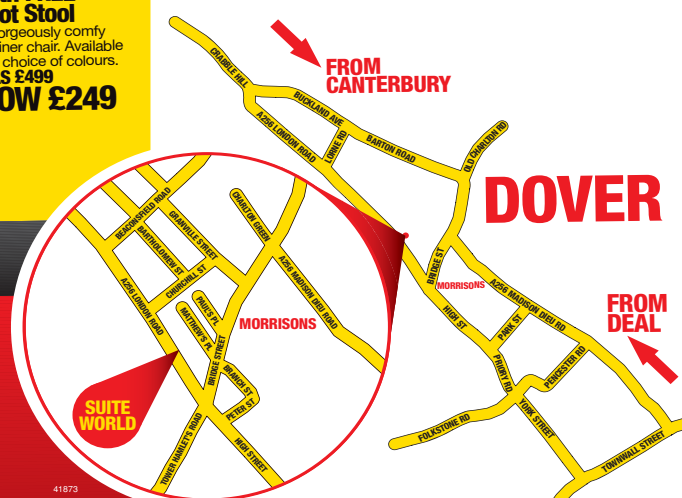
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Voices of posterity and the miracle of Dunkirk

■ BY NICK AMES

WERE you one of the 338,000 troops plucked to safety from the Dunkirk beaches 70 years ago?

During the dramatic ten-day evacuation masterminded from the Secret Wartime Tunnels deep below Dover Castle, thousands of men were saved, ready to fight another day in what was a crucial tactical triumph.

Now historians want to record memories and anecdotes of some of the most desperate days of World War Two.

In a project to capture first-hand memories of these dark days of war – before it is too late – English Heritage has launched a nationwide search for veterans and those who played a part in the rescue mission, which became known as ‘the miracle of Dunkirk’.

From those who risked their own lives to sail the 920-strong fleet of Royal Navy ships, commercial vessels and “little ships” – fishing boats, cabin cruisers and the like – in the perilous evacuation, to the women who filled countless sandwiches to welcome home the exhausted troops, English Heritage is seeking personal accounts which will bring this pivotal wartime event to life and keep it forever for future generations.

Their recollections will form the backbone of a new exhibition which opens in 2011 in the



OPERATIONS ROOM: Tracking the progress of the Dunkirk evacuation was carried out beneath Dover Castle

Secret Wartime Tunnels, headquarters of Vice Admiral Bertram Home Ramsay, who directed the complex and dangerous evacuation, code-named Operation Dynamo. The tunnels house displays and authentic period equipment and will have enthusiasts re-enacting the wartime drama in the coming weeks to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the evacuation.

“Sadly, time is running out for us to get first-hand accounts of those desperate days when the situation for our troops seemed hopeless and the

threat of invasion by Germany was very real.

“The evacuation of Dunkirk is one of history’s most significant and moving events and remains a symbol of pulling through against tremendous odds and achieving the unachievable – the rescue of 338,000 troops in just ten days,” said historian Paul Pattison.

A Memory Box – a video recording booth – opens at the Secret Wartime Tunnels on Friday, May 28, to start a week of events and activities marking the anniversary at Dover Castle.

ANZAC Day poppy tribute by airman



A FOLKESTONE-born airman now serving with the Royal New Zealand Air Force returned to pay tribute to the heroes of the Battle of Britain.

Sgt Robert Kesby laid poppies at the Battle of Britain memorial at Capelle-Ferme to mark ANZAC Day, which honours the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps which fought at Gallipoli during World War One. Sgt Kesby is pictured, above, with the longest-serving active trustee, Flt Lt Bernard Hyde.

“I was glad to be able to pay my respects on an important day for Australia and New Zealand,” he said.

Wildlife on camera

KENT Wildlife Trust has launched its 2010 Photographer of the Year contest.

It is open to all and there are four categories: fauna; flora; landscape, coastline and people; and junior (up to 17 years).

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QUESTION & ANSWER

CHRIS TOOK



Q How did you get into politics?

A I studied politics at A Level and my degree was in European Politics. However, I really got involved in the 'doing' side of politics when I stood as a council candidate in 2003. I won that election by a single vote after five recounts. It meant that the control of the council switched from Conservative to Liberal Democrat. It was quite a baptism of fire.

Q What can a Liberal Democrat MP can do for Ashford? What are the main challenges facing the town?

A Liberal Democrats, both nationally and locally, are famed for their campaigning strength and I'd like to think I'm no different. From tuition fees to Gurkha rights up to our current campaign to save sheltered accommodation from 'floating' wardens, we tend not to give up on issues.

The main challenge that I see facing Ashford, Tenterden and the villages is the imposition of 31,000 new dwellings in the town alone. Our transport infrastructure, business and retail space, local infrastructure and our natural environment all need careful thought if we're going to cope with this government-imposed target.

Q What would you do about Operation Stack, lorries parking on Orbital Park and the proposed lorry park?

A First of all, we need to think beyond the rigid mentality that a lorry park is the answer. By

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the time a lorry park is finished, in addition to the environmental and financial impact it will have, it will also almost certainly be too small. One idea would be to introduce an additional charge through the ferry operators of say £1 if the vehicle is above a certain size and not registered with the DVLA (it could simply be an additional tax on the ticket cost). This would generate enough revenue to allow service stations across the UK to cater for more lorries.

Q How would you go about re-engaging the public on the political process after the expenses scandal?

A I accept that politics and politicians have (rightly) had a pretty bad press. We have proposals allowing the people to sack their MP if they are seen to do wrong, we would ensure that all expenses and foreign trips are declared and transparent, we would address the rules surrounding party funding, we would push power back into the hands of people and, subject to a referendum, we would look to change the voting system.

Q What will the Lib Dems do if there is a hung parliament?

A I would re-iterate the words of my leader Nick Clegg. He said simply that it is not

Gordon Brown or David Cameron or Nick Clegg who are kingmakers in British politics, it's the British people. Whichever party has the strongest mandate from the British people should be given the chance to govern. When it comes to breaking the dominance of the 'big two' it's worth remembering that the Liberal Democrats won six million votes in 2005 compared to 8.75 million for the Tories and 9.5 million for Labour.

Q What sort of reaction do you get from people when you are canvassing? What was your most memorable experience?

A A lot of the time people are pleased that I'm not one of the other two or selling double glazing/gas/electricity. My most memorable reaction was one election day. Some children answered the door and, after explaining as best I could why it was important to vote, they dragged their parents away from watching EastEnders and took them to the polling station. I'm not sure they voted for me.

Q How do you spend your spare time?

A I do a lot of running both for fitness and charity (I usually run for WaterAid). As a proud Welshman I am a keen follower of rugby (specifically Wales and the Cardiff Blues) but it's been a while since I played. Most of the rest of my spare time is spent managing political activity.

Q&A

The Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate for Ashford explains to **Ed Hill** what he thinks he can do for the town, his views on a hung parliament and one of his most memorable moments on the campaign trail

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Police admit 14 sex offenders are 'missing'

FOURTEEN sex offenders are 'missing' in Kent, despite police insisting they closely monitor abusers.

The county's force has been named as one of the UK constabularies with the highest number of missing sex offenders in its area.

Offenders released from jail on licence, or who are on the sex offenders register, are obliged to inform the authorities where they live – but police do not know where the missing ones are.

Kent Police was fourth, behind Greater Manchester (15), West Midlands (30) and the Metropolitan Police (128).

Although the force would not reveal the sex crimes of the missing offenders, it admitted seven are high risk, six are medium and one is low risk.

Det Supt Maria Shepherd, head of Kent Police's public protection unit, insisted they closely monitor the behaviour and risk posed to the public by sexual and violent criminals who have been released from prison on licence.

She said those on the sex offenders register

■ BY MARIJKE COX

living in Kent were closely monitored through the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (Mappa), which is made up of partners including the probation and prison services.

Det Supt Shepherd said: "Protecting people is our priority. We work with our partners to use all the resources available to us in order to best manage violent and sex offenders in Kent."

"We also work closely with other forces, in the UK and abroad, to ensure the law is upheld."

The force declined to say how the 14 were able to fall off the radar or the kind of work being carried out to find them.

Det Supt Shepherd said: "Our joint police and probation public protection team operates as a centre of excellence working closely with our Mappa partners."

Malcolm Gilbert from Family Matters, which helps victims of sexual abuse, said: "This is a big worry to people who have been abused. It may lead them to think that these sorts of crimes are



VIGILANCE: Public safety is a priority say Kent Police, including the management of violent and sex offenders

not being taken seriously."

"If an abuser is to go missing, this causes trauma to their victim. We want to know that people are safeguarded."

Mr Gilbert said the charity, based in Gravesend, works closely with Kent Police and victims at the centre of criminal investigations.

"The police will have a system of monitoring these offenders," he said.

"I have no knowledge of how they keep tabs on these people or how they look for them. Maybe there are inefficiencies in the system which had led to some going missing, I don't know."

"The main concern for us is that the victims should be able to move on and are not caused deep trauma should their abuser go missing."

Figures from 2009 showed there were 1,093 sex offenders in Kent and Medway, about 68 per 100,000 head of population.

Channel daredevil's party balloon trip

BALLOONIST Jonathan Trappe is preparing to be blown 22 miles over the sea at 7,000ft in the latest bizarre attempt to fly across the English Channel.

The American is making final preparations for his attempt to float to France suspended under party balloons.

He has completed a test flight floating at the required 7,000ft for nearly 14 hours – an endurance record for a "cluster balloon" flight.

The trip, in North Carolina, also meant he became the first to fly by day and night. Mr Trappe, 37, will sit in a custom-built chair beneath 57 helium balloons as he attempts to cross the world's busiest shipping lane, in June.

And the only way to land is to burst the balloons closest to him – using a knife.

"Every time you burst the balloon there's a judder," he said. "Even though the method of descent is rudimentary, it is effective. The latest flight was to test our systems. We had clearance from a nearby air force base, which was handy considering they were conducting live fire tests up to an altitude of 29,000ft."

The smallest of the balloons is five and a half feet across and can carry 3.7lbs.

"The largest are eight feet in diameter and can carry a load of up to 14 lbs," said Mr Trappe.

"I ascend at 32mph – or 521ft per minute – and on this flight hit an altitude of 7,474ft."

He is looking for a location to start from on the British side, with the cliffs between Dover and Folkestone earmarked.



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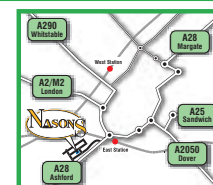
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Battle of Britain pilot relives miracle escape

RAF ace Flight Lieutenant Bill Green – shot down over Deal – is one of the Battle of Britain heroes featured in a national newspaper's tales of the conflict which removed the threat of Nazi invasion during World War Two.

The fighter pilot never saw who shot his Hurricane down – but recalled the fight in which he almost lost his life.

At 6pm on August 29, 1940, the 23-year-old pilot of 501 Squadron was scrambling to intercept the enemy after reports of 200 Luftwaffe bombers and fighters heading for Deal.

And as he circled above the town – knowing he and his fellow pilots were outnumbered 16 to one – he came under attack.

Now 92, he said: "Suddenly there was a crash of glass – a big hole in the windscreen.

"I started getting covered in engine coolant liquid and I realised my aircraft was crippled."

Bill told the News of the World he tried to bail out but was caught on the edge of his cockpit – and was soon in even more trouble.

"It ripped my helmet off, ripped my oxygen mask off. I found myself in space, rolling

■ BY NICK AMES

forward," he said.

"I was feeling everywhere for my parachute ripcord, thinking I'll never find it, but I did.

"I pulled it and thought it was all over; out the parachute would pop, and I would float down majestically.

"But a vital piece of the chute, designed to drag out the main canopy, had been severed by gunfire. The main canopy fell out and I just fell into it, and it wrapped itself around me like a shroud.

"I wasn't a Christian at the time but I started to pray, 'Please god, open this bloody parachute!' I really thought that was it.

Pylons

"Then suddenly, quite magically, there was a jolt. The wind must have got under the folds of the parachute. I looked to my right and there were electricity pylons level with me. I looked to my left and there were trees above me. I couldn't believe that I was alive.

"The quiet after rushing through the air was deafening. It made more impact on me than any noise I've ever heard."

But what concerned Bill was that his shoes had come off and he was wearing new socks his wife had given to him on leave the day

before – and he didn't want to get them dirty.

He said: "There were all these cow pats and thistles in the field I'd landed in, and I remember looking down at my feet and thinking I have to walk through all that lot with my new socks on."

Bill had been shot in the leg on the way down and spent the rest of the battle – though not the war – in hospital. He flew 26 times in nine days during the Battle of Britain.



DARN IT: Bill Green's biggest fear was the damage to new socks his wife had bought him



FEWER NUMBERS: The grey partridge is just one of the farmland bird species in decline in the South East

FEAR OVER DECLINE IN FARMLAND BIRDS

GOVERNMENT figures just released show that, despite some small improvements, there is still cause for concern about the numbers and future of farmland birds across east Kent.

The actual decline in numbers is slowing – but environmentalists want farmers and other landowners to do more to arrest the losses.

The Defra report contains statistics on wild bird populations by English regions as well as being split into farmland birds and woodlands birds. The figures chart the increase and decline of bird populations between 1994 and 2008 and show farmland bird populations in the South East fall by 23 per cent during this time.

However, this was a marked improvement on previous figures for the period 1970-1994 which showed a decline of 31 per cent.

Bruce Fowkes, RSPB farmland advisor said: "These figures cover a period up to two years ago and despite

the continued evidence of a downward trend the figures suggest the rate of decline may be slowing.

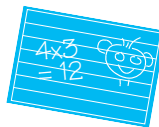
"Many farmers are already taking action to improve their farms for wild birds and we are confident that if farmers get on board the industry's Campaign for the Farmed Environment and put environmental measures in place on their land for wildlife these figures will begin to turn around."

Although five of the 19 species featured in the report show increases of ten per cent or more, 11 species showed declines of a similar level.

The population indices for some of the target species in the region such as corn bunting, grey partridge, starling, turtle dove, and yellow wagtail, decreased by more than half.

Mr Fowkes added: "Farmland birds have suffered in recent decades but there are ways farmers can make a positive difference."

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I have been headmaster at King's for more than 24 years and my abiding ethos is that the children who attend King's should be happy. An inspection report described the school as small, friendly, happy, academic and caring. As a result of this, pupils are able to exceed their expectations and are well-prepared to embrace life's challenges – continuing their education and experience of the world from good foundations laid in the early years.

King's prides itself on the courteous, confident, well-rounded young people who pass through its doors every year and keeps in touch with them throughout their future careers.



HEAD: Dr Ian Walker

New top-class nursery is all set to open at King's

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A NURSERY paradise is set to open at a leading Kent school.

King's Rochester new purpose-built nursery will boast a wide range of facilities, including an open-plan classroom and a toy-filled outdoor play space.

An artist's impression of the Rochester facility shows quiet and 'messy' play and work areas, a kitchen and snack area and a large cloakroom.

The tree-lined outdoor classroom includes new playframes, large toys, wooden huts, water and sand areas, mirrors and music, blackboards, planters, seating and a covered area.

King's Rochester nursery and pre-prep school headmistress Sarah Skillern said the new nursery would prove beneficial to many local families and early registration is recommended.

"Our nursery is open to any parent, not just those intending to send their child to King's," she said.

"We offer morning, afternoon and whole day sessions as well as additional before and after-school care and a holiday club for children aged three plus to four plus.

"One of the great advantages of the nursery at King's is that our children have access to the extensive facilities of the main school – huge sports hall; state of the art ICT suite; library and music rooms."

The nursery contains vision panels and low-level dividing screens to enable staff to maintain an overview of activities throughout the large space to the garden area.

An acoustic dividing wall will close off the area, as required, for quiet activities and struc-



OUTSTANDING: King's Rochester's new purpose-built nursery will boast a wide range of facilities

tured learning sessions alongside the noise of the fun and free-choice activities: role play, music, ICT and messy play.

King's Nursery offers a curriculum with trained teachers, rather than child-minders and additionally offers before and after school care with "Guten Morgen Schule" from 8am and "Guten Abend Schule" until 5.30pm daily.

The nursery offers the opportunity to start a continuous, outstanding, education in one establishment from the age of three to 18 – cementing a strong sense of community and offering high-level support and pastoral care – where pupils are known by name by teachers throughout the whole school.

Nursery pupils benefit from sharing the site with older pupils: they are protected, but not

secluded, and have a window on the world to come.

The Pre-Preparatory School is contained within the extensive grounds of King's Rochester and offers top-class education for children of all abilities, priding itself on small class sizes with quality, individualised learning and care.

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YOUR LETTERS

Put in writing our identity is safe

All our children are now recorded on the Government's contact point database, whereas the children of MPs can be shielded to protect their privacy.

Hundreds of MPs voted in favour of each and every one of us being fingerprinted for the DNA database and having an ID card. Yet very few have chosen to get one themselves, even though they are now available to those who volunteer.

Many of these same MPs voted to exempt themselves from the Freedom of Information Act, all in the name of protecting their privacy, whilst passing laws that erode all of our privacy.

The hypocrisy has to end.

As part of the Power2010 campaign we have called on all the candidates in our area to promise that if they are elected they will vote to repeal the identity card act 2006 and will in future defend our privacy as fiercely as they would defend their own and that of their family.

And we have asked them to do so publicly, by writing to KOS Media.

Gregory Brooks, Canterbury

Let St George show we can live together

Last Wednesday I visited Leicester for the very sad occasion of my brother's funeral.

As I went through the town centre I was amazed to see so many flags flying in preparation for, our very English, Saint George's Day. I say "amazed" because Leicester is a very multicultural city with a vibrant Asian community.

Their dress, their shops are everywhere and, when I had approached the taxi rank, six drivers sprang forward, all Asian. It was evident they were also prepared to work very hard. As my taxi driver drove me to my brother's home, he commented on the St George's flags fluttering in the breeze: "We Indians love to enjoy ourselves. You have heard about our festivals?" Then before I could answer he added: "We are so lucky living in Leicester. Because we have so many nationalities we have so many celebrations. Now it is time for St George," he finished happily.

As I later stood at my brother's graveside his Indian neighbour, with tears in his eyes, said how they had been friends for over twenty years. "My children looked upon Leonard and Eileen as their grandparents," he said. Then, he turned to my sister-in-law and insisted his family would always be there whenever she needed them, throughout the years which lay ahead. Knowing my brother's widow would have such good friends living close by comforted me on my journey home.

When I pushed open my door in Maidstone I felt physically sick as I read a hate-filled leaflet left by the National Front. For while they had

your blogger

The Rt Rev Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover, Bishop in Canterbury, on why we must vote...



"PLEASE vote" is a message I have been repeating in the run-up to this week's election.

Not only because I believe a responsibility to vote is part and parcel of enjoying the benefits of democracy, but also for the sake of the public institutions which underpin our common life.

I have also seen real evidence of politicians actively seeking partnerships in communities, with the hope of finding solutions to problems in our society.

These leaders admit they do not have all the answers, nor necessarily the correct resources to hand, and they value the contribution of others.

Partnerships are precious. They require trust, respect and a shared sense of hope. A partnership, like a marriage, is about working towards a common good. Perhaps losing some of your own identity, but in the process achieving something worthwhile.

There is an insidious and increasing desire to discredit and knock down institutions and political systems. I can understand why people feel anxious or disillusioned. Scandals such as MPs' expenses, cash for questions and perceptions about overpowering legislation from the EU have not helped.

Some I've talked with have questioned whether voting this time will make any difference ("They're all the same; in it for themselves."). While it may be true that on our own we cannot change the world, together, as part of something bigger, we can. One

voice is small, but our voices together will be heard.

If we don't vote and don't engage with local and national politics, we risk two things. We risk decisions being made by leaders who do not represent the people; decisions we will be stuck with, with no mechanism for complaint or recourse. Give up your right to vote and you give up your right to complain.

By not engaging with politics we also risk allowing vast sections of our shared life to be run by focus groups or public consultations.

Who sits on focus groups? Who responds to public consultations? Sadly, it is often a small number of people with a fixed agenda, or an axe to grind. Before we know it, decisions are made based on a minority view and our shared life is damaged.

We want and need diversity and difference in society. God made us unique, with different gifts and skills. We need that diversity to be recognised in society – both in the people elected as politicians and in the range of views.

I have encouraged churches to arrange hustings to provide an opportunity for people to engage with their prospective parliamentary candidates.

We must ask aspirant MPs how they propose to help people at the margins. I hope Christians lead the way in asking how candidates will protect the poor and vulnerable, and how they will make our nation a place of fairness and peace. We also need to find new ways of engaging young people.

Above all, we need to raise the horizons of disadvantaged children so they may be equipped to

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been delivering messages aimed at dividing our country; brown and white neighbours, like my brother's, were sharing their lives together. The good and bad times, festivals and funerals they all spoke of our common humanity. The National Front and the BNP would, no doubt, lay claim to St George, however; I can't help feeling our very English Saint would prefer to be celebrated with love, whatever colour someone's skin might be, than misused as a symbol to spread hate in our most beautiful country.

Joan Langrick, posted on www.kentnews.co.uk

Make counter attack against far right

Following the report in your paper about Unite Against Fascism and their campaign against the far-right Party candidates locally, here's some further info to help counter them. It is general in content and not particularly specific as such.

Firstly it's not just the UAF who are campaigning but others as well. The more 'anarchist' group Antifa are also active and readers may like to access the website for magazine Searchlight. (www.searchlightmagazine.com).

For the more Conservative out there in Kent, and elsewhere, there is the NothingBritish about the BNP campaign and website. (www.nothingbritish.com).

Also don't forget the 'cultural' groups like Folk against Fascism and

singers like Billy Bragg.

Whilst the more openly racist National Front are standing a couple of candidates, it's the sneakier, 'aren't we nice and lovely these days' BNP who have the most locally.

They are claiming that they have changed the 'whites only' rule book, but the fact is it had to be forced on them by a London Court judgment, following a demand by the Equalities Commission. They were also fined £12,500 for dragging their feet over it. Further they are still dragging their feet over more changes that have been demanded of it regarding other parts of its rules which could allow them to continue to discriminate.

After the rule changes it may be that a few non-whites may be foolish enough to join them, but this changes nothing in my, and I'm sure every other informed persons' view. The first to join up is likely to be a Sikh, but one who appears to be an Islamophobe with a sixty year old grudge. (A far better Sikh to look up to is former WW2 fighter pilot Mohinder Singh Puji, now 91, and who has and is campaigning against the BNP and other far-right groups.)

The BNP will remain as divisive as ever though and play on people's ignorance and fears. Indeed, a report by a former Met Police counter-terrorism officer Dr Jonathan Githens-Mazer and team in Jan 2010, amongst other points, shows that the media 'encourages attacks on muslims' (in London) and quotes from active and ex BNP members saying: "An experienced BNP activist

in London explains that he believes that most BNP supporters simply followed the lead set by their favourite tabloid commentators that they read every day. When these commentators singled out Muslims as threats to security and social cohesion, he says that it was perfectly natural for BNP supporters to adopt the same thinking."

The report also says the extreme right are directing their violence more against Muslims than black or Asian Britons: "Interviewees with long experience of extremist nationalist street violence in London are unequivocal in their assessment that Muslim Londoners are now a prime target for serious violence and intimidation in the way that Londoners from minority ethnic communities once were," the report says. The reports author(s) are now gathering evidence from across the UK on this matter.

More recently though, the Inst of Public Policy Research (IPPR) has released a report which indicates that those areas, with a few exceptions, which have a reasonably diverse population are the least at risk from the far-right and are much more tolerant of multicultural mixes. This in my view rather supports the Liberal Democrats idea of a better distribution of people from other cultures into those areas which currently do not have many.

Meanwhile at this year's General Election, BNP leader N Griffin is standing in Barking (Essex); a name which is perhaps rather

appropriate; but he is to be challenged amongst others of course, by Lib Dem Damian Carson, who is Griffin's (un)official biographer and the son of the late great George Carson QC. I hope, as Mr Carson has said; and as his father would no doubt love to have done; 'slice up' Mr Griffin in a similar way based on his own utterances the latest of which has him saying East London is like Nairobi, Kenya. Ludicrous as usual.

Part of the answer though in my view, and in addition perhaps to the above re-distribution idea, is for the mainstream Party's to join with the various smaller Party's like the Greens and community/working class organisations etc, to work within their locales to help build bridges between the various minorities as well as seeking and providing solutions to the problems we all face together.

The Government though, whoever it may be after May 6, must also ensure that facilities and resources are made regularly available for this as well as acting to help break down the barriers that have been 'allowed' to grow up between both the white population and the various minority groups.

Finally, I am reminded of one time Folkestone resident H G Wells' comment that "Our true nationalism is Mankind", and so vote for anyone other than a far-righter to stop them making any progress, as well as getting involved in campaigning against them whether at the General Election or thereafter.

Ray Duff, by email

Greens are showing fully-costed policy

The fully-costed Green Party manifesto makes it clear where we would raise taxation and where short-term and long-term cuts in spending should take place. The three major parties do not have fully-costed manifestos.

Each of them has yet to explain how gaps in their figures will be met: by cuts or by tax increases.

The Labour gap is £44.1 billion; the Conservative gap is £52.5 billion; and the Lib Dem gap is £34.4 billion.

In short, none of the three major parties has been honest with the public about cuts or the taxes they propose. By contrast, the Green Party's commitments to a fair taxation system reducing tax and national insurance for the lowest paid and taxing the wealthiest more, have been made clear in our manifesto. Short-term cuts are also spelt out, alongside longer-term cuts in road building (£30 billion over 10 years) and Trident missile renewal (£97 billion over the life of the system).

After the expenses scandals, we might have expected exemplary manifestos from the three major parties. Manifestos spelling out their intentions with complete candour.

The three party system is a 'three ring circus' in which the major parties appear to be competing about how far they can hide their cuts and tax plans.

The British public deserve better. Steve Dawe, Press Officer, Kent Green Party

Ex-Tory stalwart delivering for UKIP

A LONG-serving former Conservative MP has been helping the UK Independence Party with its election campaign.

World War Two veteran Sir John Wells served as Maidstone's MP for 28 years between 1959 and 1987. He was succeeded by fellow Tory Ann Widdecombe.

However, according to former UKIP leader Nigel Farage – who lives in Bromley and is running for election in Buckingham – the 85-year-old has been helping deliver leaflets for the Eurosceptic party to voters.

Lib Dems online pick

NEARLY two-thirds of people who voted in a kentnews.co.uk online poll are "considering voting for the Lib Dem on May 6".

Of the 631 who voted, 62 per cent might mark their mark for Nick Clegg's party, while 235 (38 per cent) would not.

Labour hope alleged drunk-driver in crash

A LABOUR parliamentary candidate has been arrested on suspicion of drink-driving after a crashing her car.

Kathryn Smith, who is standing in the General Election in Gravesend, was cut from her car and breathalysed at the scene in University Way, Dartford, after the incident, which happened at 10pm on Monday.

She was taken to hospital, but was said to have discharged herself early on Tuesday morning.

Kent Police confirmed a 49-year-old woman had been arrested and bailed to July 10 on suspicion of drink-driving.

Hardworking Filipinos milk fat of the land

FILIPINO workers on Kent farms can earn wages almost equal to their country's president, according to an article in The Times newspaper.

The paper highlights the conditions of a farm in the Deal area as it features stories on immigration issues in the run up to the General Election tomorrow.

The story states that for 11 months of the year, Rey Gavila and Lito Gonzales work 6,500 miles away from home.

Delighted

"Milking dairy cows in the south of England is giving them a salary not too far behind that of their President back home in the Philippines, and five times more than a teacher there," it says.

"William Hickson, their boss, who farms 1,600 acres near Deal is delighted with his team: 'People are saying immigration is an election issue, and it may be for some people, but I can say that without them we'd be lost.'"

The Filipinos earn enough for each to send

■ BY NICK AMES

home £700 a month. This is worth about 48,000 pesos in the Philippines, where the President earns about 57,000 pesos and a teacher 9,000.

The story continues: "The men are clearly pleased with their lot and proudly show off their living quarters. Each has a mobile home with kitchen and shower, TV and use of a laptop — where most days they can speak to their wives and children using the internet.

"They are among a vanguard of 60 Filipinos who have been recruited and given visas to fill vacancies on farms throughout the country."

The article then highlights what it considers the reasons for the migrant workers' success.

It claims: "British workers have long turned up their noses at the toil and low status of picking fruit, vegetables or flowers.

"Now it seems that disenchantment with the land is deterring many from skilled farm jobs. Employers report that almost a third of vacancies are hard to fill, from vets to crop



PRESIDENTIAL PAY: Farmworkers from the Philippines in Deal send up to £700 to their families back home each month

managers, soil scientists, plant breeders, food technologists, growers, stockmen and tractor drivers.

"Mr Hickson has even had trouble finding a school-leaver to train as an apprentice. Many are interested in learning to drive combine harvesters and tractors, but few are keen on looking after his pedigree Jersey cattle."

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DAY & NIGHT

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A hypnotic night out

MASTER hypnotist Clifford Blake brings his amazing world to the Tower Theatre in Folkestone this weekend.

This family show includes audience participation, though you must be over 18 to take part in the show. The performance starts at 7.30pm on Saturday and tickets cost £6/£5. To book, call the box office on 01303 223925.

Pirates coming aboard

SPEND an evening with some of Gilbert and Sullivan's most memorable characters next week.

The Pirates of Penzance will be running at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate from Tuesday, May 11 to Saturday, May 15. Adult tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door, while child tickets cost £5. Call 01843 591750.

Cliffs host plant fair

BEAUTIFUL specimens will be on offer at the National Trust's Plant Fair this weekend.

Held at the White Cliffs of Dover, the fair also aims to raise awareness of water and countryside conservation. The event runs from 10am to 4pm both days.

For more information visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk.

Book for tour of village

LEARN about the fascinating history of St Peter's in Thanet as the village tours get underway again.

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Tarot cards exhibition

A MAGICAL set of tarot cards are now on display at the Polka Dot Art Centre in Teynham.

Local author Howard Rodway has donated a set of Tarot of the Old Path cards, which have been framed and are on sale. The exhibition runs from 10am to 4pm every Saturday until May 29. Call 01795 521167 or visit www.polkadot-art.co.uk.

Folk club doubles up

TWO remarkable musicians will perform for Faversham Folk Club tonight.

Guitarist, singer and producer Kevin Dempsey teams up with classically-trained violinist Joe Broughton.

They can be seen at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street at 8.30pm. Tickets cost £6/£7 and are free for under-18s. To book call 01795 536857.



Music to the power of seven

SOUNDS NEW FESTIVAL

Friday, May 7, to Sunday, May 16
Various Venues, Canterbury



DISCOVER something new and appreciate the work of contemporary artists as the Sounds New Festival returns.

Voted one of the top 10 festivals by Classical Music Magazine, Sounds New gives audiences the chance to hear the best contemporary work. This year's theme is the number seven.

The festival begins with Evensong in the Cathedral Quire at 5.30pm on Friday, featuring works linked to the number seven. At the Gulbenkian Theatre at 7.45pm, the dynamic Aurora Orchestra performs pieces from the 20th and 21st centuries along with symphonic masterpieces in *Thou Shalt Not! The Seventh Commandment*. Taking Kurt Weill's sung ballet, *Seven Deadly Sins*, as its focus, the concert is sure to be an uplifting experience.

Seven percussionists perform Iannis Xanakis' *Pleiades* at Augustine House at 7.30pm on Saturday and the performance will be recorded for BBC3. Revel in the sound of the harp when a full day of music is hosted by King's School on Sunday, with performances by Alexander Rider with The Masters Ensemble and Gabriella Dall'Olio. Camilla Pay and Lavinia Meijer will also be appearing. Discover the Seven Wonders of the World with Cantus Ansambl, Croatia's leading contemporary music group, at St Peter's Methodist Church at 7.30pm on Monday.

Ensemble Intercontemporain, founded by Pierre Boulez in 1976, perform works for woodwind, piano and horn in *Seven Tracks* at the same venue at 7.30pm on Tuesday.

The church hosts another exciting performance at 7.30pm on Wednesday, when



EXCITING: The Ensemble Modern, and top, Cantus Ansambl, from Croatia, are taking part in Sounds New Festival

Ensemble Modern performs some of the 20th century's greatest masterpieces.

On Friday, May 14, St Gregory's Centre for Music will host the UK Conservatoires composers' concert, featuring the best selected works from the composers' competition. Performers include the Royal College of Music, the Royal Academy of Music, Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, and Leeds College of Music.

The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players present a tribute to Mahler at Canterbury Cathedral at 7.30pm on Friday, May 14 and young pianist Eliza McCarthy plays works by John Cage, John Adams and György Kurtág in *Seven Haiku* at St Gregory's Centre for Music at 1.15pm on Saturday, May 15.

There is also lots going on at the Orange Street Music Club, beginning with a collection of films made by seven schools on Saturday. Two great Canterbury bands – The Boot Lagoon and Joe Inkpen & his Band – perform at 8pm on Sunday, May 9, and the concert features the world premiere of Inkpen's new composition, *Seven Colours of the Rainbow*.

Paul Taylore offers Poetry on the Trombone at 8pm on Monday, while Johnny's Midnight Giggles takes the audience through a one-man operatic thriller at 8pm on Tuesday.

SharpWire's spellbinding music theatre can be experienced in Filkenstein's Castle on Wednesday, and further shows include *Mobile*, *Seven Last Words* and *Take Seven*.

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JOAN ARMATRADING

Friday, May 14, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

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With three Grammy Award nominations and 20 albums to her name, Armatrading's versatility has always kept her music fresh and interesting, with her passionate guitar skills at its heart.

On her latest album, *This Charming Life*, Armatrading plays and arranges every instrument except drums. Her talent and dedication has resulted in countless gold, platinum and silver discs and she is one of the



few female artists to receive an MBE.

Along with numerous honorary awards from universities, Armatrading also managed to complete a BA Honours in history with the Open University.

Born in the West Indies, Armatrading's family moved to Birmingham when she was seven and she began to play the piano before finally getting her hands on a guitar. She began writing songs at 14.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £29.50. Book online at www.leascliffhall.org.uk or call 0844 8471776.



EDge

Thursday May 6, Gullbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



WITNESS the future of dance in evolution as EDge returns to Canterbury with an exciting new show.

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by 10 remarkable young dancers who are just setting out on their professional journeys. The programme features works that have been specially created for EDge by international choreographers Wally Cardona, Frauke Requardt and Rick Nodine. There are also shorter pieces by Darren Ellis, Lucy Suggate and Nicholas Quinn.

Crossing the full spectrum of emotions, this is sure to be a captivating evening. The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets are priced from £7 to £12. Book at www.thegullbenkian.co.uk or call the box office on 01227 769075.

THE FUREYS AND DAVEY ARTHUR



Thursday, May 13, Theatre Royal Margate

WITH popes and presidents among their admirers, The Fureys and Davey Arthur come highly recommended.

Their audiences have included former Australian Prime Minister John Howard, President of Ireland Mary McAleese and the late Pope John Paul II. Even British politicians cannot resist their music, with former prime minister Tony Blair stating that the Fureys' *Green Fields of France* was his favourite peace song of all time.

Fans can look forward to an uplifting evening, which is sure to include favourite hits such as *When You Were Sweet Sixteen*, *Green Fields of France*, *The Old Man*, *Red Rose Café*, *From Clare To Here*, *Leaving Nancy*, *Steal Away* and more.

The Fureys and Davey Arthur celebrated three decades in the business with a 'live in concert' DVD and CD. Over the last 30 years they have delighted audiences with their fantastic songs, musicianship and vocals, continuing to be in high demand.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16. To book go to www.theatreroyalmargate.com or call the box office on 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787.



ROBIN AULD

Saturday, May 8, Horsebridge Arts & Community Centre, Whitstable



EXPERIENCE a touch of the exotic when Zambian-born musician Robin Auld visits Whitstable.

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He learned to play the instrument by listening to legends such as Jimi Hendrix, Ry Cooder and Neil Young, moving on to Southern African influences in later years. With the sounds of Louis Mhlanga, Tony Cox and Philip Tabane ringing in his ears, Auld developed his guitar and singing skills to the high standard audiences can enjoy today.

With 12 albums and two South African number one singles under his belt, Auld is a highly-accomplished artist.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £7/£5. To book call the box office on 01227 281174.

For more information visit the website at www.horsebridge-centre.org.uk.



SCOUTING FOR GIRLS



Tuesday, May 18, Winter Gardens, Margate

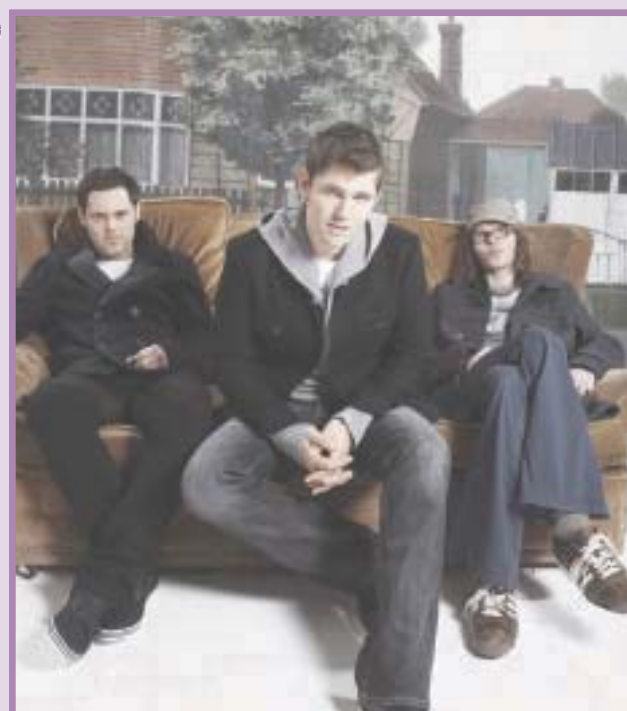
CHART-TOPPING band Scouting for Girls are heading for Thanet fresh from their latest success.

Their latest single, *This Ain't A Love Song*, went to the number one spot in the UK and also did very well in Europe, which promises big things for their new album, *Everybody Wants To Be On TV*.

It was just three years ago that the band exploded on to the music scene with their catchy, feel-good tunes such as *She's So Lovely*, *Heartbeat*, *It's Not About You* and *Elvis Ain't Dead*. Their debut album also went to number one in the charts and made them the biggest-selling new British band of that year.

Fronted by the charismatic Roy Stride, the band has become a huge success story and that looks set to continue with their latest album. They spent last year recording *Everybody Wants To Be On TV* and their hard work has evidently paid off, as the album has already shot to number two in the charts.

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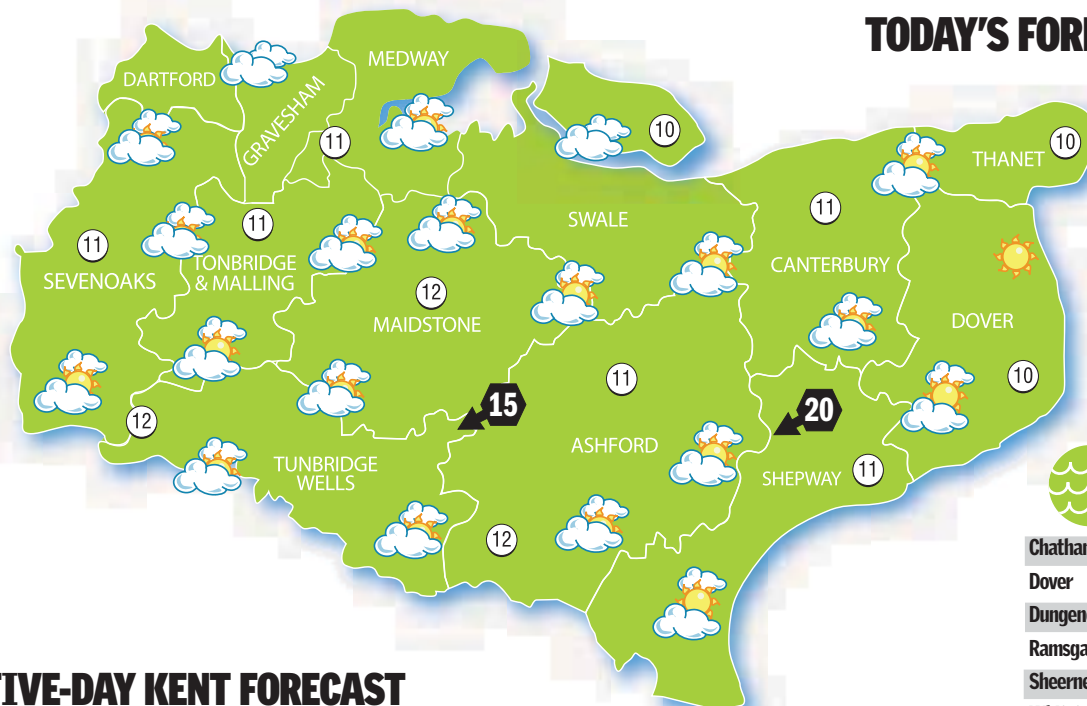
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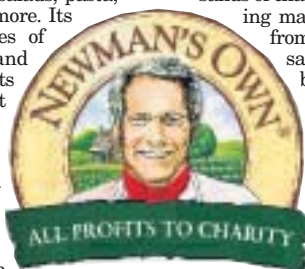
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- 4 plum tomatoes, quartered
- 200g tenderstem broccoli, cut into florets

- 1) Using a small sharp knife, cut each prawn down the back about half-way into the meat and remove the black thread running down.
- 2) Put the dressing in a bowl, add the prawns and stir until they are coated. Leave to marinate in a cool place for 15 minutes.
- 3) Heat a frying pan until very hot. Lift the prawns from the dressing and add to the pan. Cook for 3-4 minutes, turning the prawns over once or twice, until they turn pink and opaque. Remove from the pan and keep warm in a low oven.
- 4) Add the mushrooms, tomatoes and broccoli to the pan and cook for 5 minutes, turning the vegetables over half way. Return the prawns to the pan, pour over the dressing left in the bowl and heat until the dressing bubbles.
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This is no wonderland as Alice has adventures of a different Creed

■ BY DAMON SMITH

A YOUNG woman faces a terrifying ordeal in J Blakeson's accomplished feature directorial debut.

The Disappearance of Alice Creed is an edge-of-the-seat thriller that, by its simple premise – three characters trapped predominantly in one location – could easily have started life on the stage.

The film even adopts a classic three-act structure, bookmarked by twists that force us to re-evaluate the fragile balance of power.

The intimacy of the set-up works in the film's favour, forcing Blakeson to develop his protagonists to sustain our interest and the dramatic momentum.

However, the writer-director engineers one hairpin twist too many with a big reveal that sits awkwardly between unintentional hilarity and implausibility.

Blakeson opens with a gripping, dialogue-free sequence of pals Vic (Eddie Marsan – Sherlock Holmes and Happy-Go-Lucky) and Danny (Monarch of the Glen's Martin Compston) preparing a van and a flat for the arrival of their victim.

"Okay," growls Vic and the two men drag Alice (Gemma Arterton) off the street, tie her up in the back of the van and then transfer her kicking and whimpering to the specially outfitted flat, which has been soundproofed to prevent neighbours hearing her screams for help.

Bound at the ankles and wrists to a bed, Alice lies trembling at the mercy of her captors, unable to fathom why she has been kidnapped.

It transpires that Vic and Danny are holding her for ransom – a cool £2million – and they expect her millionaire-rich father to pay in cash to secure her safe return.

When Vic leaves to make contact with the old man, providing Danny with precise instructions in his absence ("Don't sleep, check



CAPTIVE AUDIENCE: Alice (Gemma Arterton) is kidnapped by Danny (Martin Compston) and Vic (Eddie Marsan) in J Blakeson's directorial debut

on her... and don't drink!"), Alice senses an opportunity to ply her feminine wiles and extricate herself from a hellish situation.

The Disappearance of Alice Creed was filmed on location on the Isle of Man, although the majority of the picture unfolds in the interlocking rooms of Vic and Danny's safehouse.

The brisk tempo established in the opening frames allows Blakeson to crank up the tension as he withholds just enough information so we can't second-guess his intentions.



Given Vic's volcanic temper, it's uncomfortably clear that Alice may not live through her ordeal.

The director practises equal-opportunity nudity, so while Arterton's captured character is stripped for chilling opening scenes, one of the men follows suit when the tables are unexpectedly turned.

Strong performances galvanize Blakeson's vision, particularly Marsan, who literally

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spits out the film's pivotal line as if his life depended on it.

We end up sympathizing with Vic much more than we expect.

After such a confident build-up, the ending feels like an anti-climax as the writer-director searches for some clever pay-off but has to settle for cheesy convention.

**THE DISAPPEARANCE
OF ALICE CREED** 
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CHIRPY HALF-HOUR: Comedian Frank Skinner gets a fresh bite at the cherry



YOUR TV REVIEW

THE HAIRY BIKERS' FOOD TOUR OF BRITAIN: BBC Two, 5.15pm, Wednesday
FRANK SKINNER'S OPINIONATED: BBC Two, 10pm, Friday

IS IT me or are the Hairy Bikers, those two Hells Angel's wannabes who can't stay away from the pies, two of the most annoying men on TV?

I'm sure they're lovely blokes, but their penchant for saying 'dude' at every available opportunity and their patronising street cookery sessions fill me with a sense of numbing dread, only usually reserved for shows featuring Graham Norton.

This show, which features the two revving their way up and down Britain to stuff their faces, is just far too pally and happy for its own good.

This idea has been down to death by Rick Stein anyway, and Gary Rhodes and countless others before them, so these two are bringing nothing new to the table; except maybe a big pie and a can of petrol.

The Hairy Bikers Food Tour of

■ BY TOM BETTS

Bagdhad – now there's a show I'd watch with a little more enthusiasm!

FRANK Skinner may not be everyone's cup of tea, I know people can find him a bit crude at times, but I for one welcome his return to our screens.

The Brummie pops up here and there on shows such as Have I Got News For You, but his profile seems to have slipped somewhat in recent years.

He has, however, returned with Frank's Skinner's Opinionated, which seems like a fresh bite of the cherry for the increasingly old looking comic.

Quite what the point of the show is anyone's guess, as there seems to be no clear direction.

There's definitely a studio, and there's definitely a lot of interplay with the audience, and there are definitely celebrity guests, but everyone involved seems a little confused about the format and Frank himself is included in that.

Loosely, Frank and his two guests engage in a bit of banter with the audience unpicking the week's news and stories but it's kind of rudderless, never really going anywhere.

It may not sound like a riveting formula for a Friday night, but it works better in practice than on paper. It's a chirpy enough half hour and rounds off the working week if you find yourself stuck at home.

Skinner can always be relied upon for a few good lines whenever he turns up on TV.

And it's funnier than Jonathan Ross. Good to have you back, Frank.

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THE ART OF THE MATTER 27-year-old female, 5ft8, medium-curved build, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, W/LTM tail, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644

STEP UP TO THE OCHE WITH ME! Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

FANCY A CUDDLE? Loving single mum, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5ft3, slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male. Canterbury. Box 464326

IS ANYONE OUT THERE? 31yr old easygoing, independent female, W/LTM cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879931

COULD I BE THE ONE? Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone. Box 464835

HORSES FOR COURSES... Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY FREE Curvy brunette, 35, with green eyes, 5ft3, no ties, looking for an affectionate, and caring non-smoking guy to put the sparkle back into my life! Ashford. Box 849706

SHREK'S APPEAL! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, W/LTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating, out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, walking, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

MAGIC IN MARGATE Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, enjoys life, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

FAMILY LIFE Fun to be with woman, 39, I love life, drinks in, walks, family life etc. Looking for a similar man in the Canterbury area. Box 467392

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft8, slim/medium build. I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034

DON'T LET ME DOWN Pretty, black female, 38, 5ft4, like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446684

SHOW ME HEAVEN Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area. With a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608

CUTE AS CAN BE Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983



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A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE Lovely, glossy brunette, 33yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident-one known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

CALL ME Single, Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells, I'm easygoing and fun loving and W/LTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481

MANY INTERESTS Hi, I'm based in Ashford and I'm looking for a nice guy in the area. I'm a single mum, 42 and enjoy cooking, and cosy nights. Box 468148

IT COULD BE US Professional, single, Asian woman, 42, easygoing and fun to be with, seeking a single, professional, solvent white male, 44-52 Tunbridge Wells. Box 798931

BE MY FRIEND AND PARTNER Hi there, I'm female, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long dark hair/green eyes. I enjoy cinema, eating out and W/LTM genuine, caring, loving male. Chatham. Box 466612

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5ft9, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5ft9+. Box 461129

NEW TO THIS Attractive single mum of 2, 43yrs old, 5ft1, medium build, GSOH, likes cooking, spending time with family & animals. W/LTM fun loving, kind, genuine man. Kent. Box 855182

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

GET CLOSE Funny, cheerful lady, 44, 5'6", curly hair, very social, likes walks and pubs. Looking for a cuddly and outgoing man for a close relationship. Faversham. Box 467518

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

POSSIBLE LTR African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5ft5, attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre. W/LTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617

COME ON OVER Fun-loving girl, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Rainham. Box 854480

GENIE IN A BOTTLE Slim blue-eyed blonde, 47, 5ft4, animal lover with no ties, very sociable, non-smoker, loves the countryside, seeking easygoing companion and soulmate. Box 468120

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, worldly man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

NOTHING VENTURED... Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

NORMAL GAL Happy, 5ft7, looking for divorced and happy, 5ft7, looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 48 and over 30 at must. Maidstone. Box 866380

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585

DREAM LOVER Petite blonde, young 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686

ANY TAKERS? Divorced single mum, 49, 5ft4, animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford. Box 464557

BY MY SIDE Curvy woman, 49, 5ft10, I enjoy being by the sea, music, walks, meals out, cinema, cross-words, and reading. Seeking kind, caring man in the Maidstone area. Box 466608

ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING? Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating, out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, W/LTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 835662

DON'T PASS ME BY Petite brunette, 51, 5ft, likes live music, pubs and socialising, gosh, seeking a like-minded male for a serious relationship. Hastings. Box 467807

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gsoh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

WRITTEN IN THE STARS Late 40's woman, slim, quite active, attractive, enjoy walks, picnics, the countryside, TV dramas, seeking a Pisces or Scorpio or Cancer male. Brighton. Box 468610

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601

LOVE AND LAUGHTER AND HAPPY TIMES Petite woman, 53, with blonde/brown hair and blue eyes, 5'3", enjoy socialising, walking, cinema and generally having fun with a tall, honest man. Gillingham. Box 858610

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL... Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

QUALITY TIME 55 year old lady, 5ft8in, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, quite fit, enjoys the outdoors, lots of walking, politics, family time with the right man. Box 848381

SMART MOVE Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

MUST LOVE ANIMALS Light-hearted lady, 57, light hair, blue eyes, 5ft3, enjoys baking, gardening and DIY, seeks romantic non-smoker for romance. Rochester. Box 468691

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

DREAMS OF YOU Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448595

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

BE YOURSELF Outgoing lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760

BRIGHTENING UP Cuddly lady, 61, 5ft5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more. W/LTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214

HOMELY LADY Easygoing lady, 61, 5ft1, walks, cosy nights, pubs meals etc. I'm hoping to meet someone for friendship, and then well see. Folkestone. Box 469693

LOTS OF HUGS Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5ft4, red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe. I enjoy art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002

SIMPLE PLEASURES Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build. I love dancing, walking by the sea and W/LTM like minded gent. Box 459467

OUTGOING LADY Young looking lady, 62, 5ft6, blonde hair/hazel eyes. I have GSOH and like music, bowls, cinema country pubs. W/LTM man, 55-65 for friendship and more. Canterbury. Box 468269

START A NEW CHAPTER 64 year old widow, 5ft6, slim and fit, active and healthy, likes walks, theatre, gardening a social woman seeking similar non-smoking gent in Canterbury area. Box 467844

LOVE ME DO Loving and caring lady, 63, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082

YOUNG LOOKING Sixty something, bubbly, outgoing, intelligent lady, looking for genuine friendship with like-minded male, love walks, talks, cinema, theatre or simply just coffee and chat. Maidstone. Box 799895

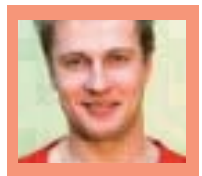
A TOUCH OF CLASS Professional woman, 73, smart and fun to be with, medium build, seeks an articulate, smart, independent man of class to share quality time. Kent. Box 468560

Women seeking women

MY HEART TO YOU 37 year old gay female from Kent, dark brown eyes, dark hair, loves the outdoors and fresh air, gardening, DIY, seeks feminine lady for love. Box 467298

LOVE TO LOVE Easygoing female, 40, blue eyes, blonde hair, medium build, likes wine, dining, socialising, holidays, walks cinema; seeking like-wise female for companionship and more. Box 446953

TAKE A CHANCE Honest female, 42, 5ft2, medium build, fun-loving, likes clubs, pubs, eating out, nights in, looking for a female for friendship to start, hopefully a LTR. Rochester Box 466078



MEN seeking women

FOR LOVE Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! Likes going/eating out, walks, pubs, love, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

FULL OF LIFE Ashford man, 35, I'm single, no ties, and looking for a similar woman. I'm 6ft6, with blue eyes/brown hair and enjoy pubs/clubs, eating out etc. Box 467416

BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft8, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME? Hi I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503

HOP ON BOARD! Average bloke, 38, shy! Seeks young lady, looks unimportant, single mums welcome. I love gardening and ring my moped. Sittingbourne. Box 468095

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR, want to relax and football, together, with the right woman. Box 858113

LOVE TO LAUGH Looking for a love to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH...Hastings. Box 862208

COME ON OVER TO MY PLACE Fun-loving male, 40, 6ft, short dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys most things in life, seeks slim female size 10-12 who's reasonably good looking. Box 456889

DO I ATTRACT YOU? Happy go lucky single dad, 40, looking for a slim female, -size 12, to share good times and happiness with. Hutton Box 457738

LOOK IN MY EYES Romantic, fun-loving man, 40, 6ft tall, with dark hair and brown eyes, looking for a kind, considerate and romantic female. Maidstone. Box 459006

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS Loving and caring male, 40, 5ft8, medium build, average looks, seeks outgoing, loving, caring person to find love with. Canterbury. Box 458290

FISHING & CAMPING! Fun-loving male, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333

LOOKING FOR A BIRDIE! Hi there, I'm Chris, 38, in good shape, attractive, own place, hard working and honest, loves days out, golf, summer/looking for loving companion. Box 450317

MAKE YOUR MARK Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair, blue eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, W/LTM someone trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

COME ON OVER Professional personal trainer, 42, 5ft10, green eyes, brown hair, athletic, seeking a female, 25-45, for fun times and friendship. Chatham. Box 468675

FUN & OUTGOING! Young at heart 44yr old male, stocky build, 5ft10, Kent based, father, honest and down-to-earth, likes music, nights in, walking the dog, seeks genuine lady. Box 851804

GOT A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR? Malcolm, 43, dark-haired, 5ft10, spent a long time on the shelf so looking for chats, friendship and maybe more with a film and music fan. Box 451561

LET'S BUILD A ROMANCE Hello, I'm Simon 43, single man in Kent own a construction co. Muscular build, blue-eyed, ruggedly handsome. Looking for a honest and genuine lady. Box 453322

GSOH ESSENTIAL American male, 44, loves playing the guitar, looking for a decent female with a sense of fun about them. Brighton Box 461140

LOOKING FOR LOVE? Easygoing guy with wicked SOH, 45, 5ft11, slim-medium build, blue eyes and fair hair, loves animals, pubs and more, seeks loving lady for romance. E Sussex. Box 468369

CHEEK TO CHEEK Hard working gent, 45, slim, 6ft, looking for full time relationship with a cinema, bowling and film lover! Gillingham. Box 468396

MAKE A MOVE Single dad, 45, white, likes cooking, gardening, and a passion for Reggae music; seeking a black woman for friendship and romance. Folkestone area. Box 468542

MUSIC LOVER Richard here, I'm 45, very loving, and I like holidays, listening to music, theatre, cooking, cinema, museums and restaurants. You? Ashford. Box 467883

EASY TO LOVE Margate male, 46, tall and slim, easy-going, enjoy cinema, socialising and sport, looking for a decent lady, 40-55, for friendship and maybe a ltr. Box 468189

ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS Single guy, 47, 5ft8, been hurt in the past, works full time, looking for a Sussex-based lady to share life with. Kids not problem. Box 468082

MEET YOUR MATCH! Slim single dad, 47, works full time, looking for a slim/medium build lady, 25-50, children not a problem. Hobbies include, fishing, football, day and cooking. Dover. Box 462630

NEEDING LOVE 47yr old Brighton based man, own home/business, seeks genuine local lady aged 45-50 years to share it all with. Box 463623

TAKE MY HAND Genuine, honest man, 47, likes dining out, walking, looking to share the good life with a woman, 35-50, Deal, Kent. Box 460441

LOVE SHOULD BE EASY Laid-back single guy, 48, from Hythe, 6ft, slightly overweight/trying to lose it, seeking a fun to be around female to takes things slow with. Box 468498

GET BACK TO ME Good looking divorced man, 49, 6ft, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 460338

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL Ashford man, 54, brown hair/blue eyes, 5ft4, divorced-grown up daughter, enjoy walking, days in/out, quiet drink and football, looking for an educated female, 40-60. Box 465231

DANCING THROUGH LIFE Active and easy-going male, mid 50's, always tries to see the funny side of life, looking for a like-minded independent female. Box 464771

HAND IN HAND Easygoing man, 57, would like to meet someone to share good and bad times, finding that special person to be with soul mates. Box 861243

AROUND AND AROUND Active male, 59, dark hair, 5'7, keeps fit, cycles, seeking a cuddly, curvy, mature lady for friendship. Canterbury. Box 467423

TAKE A CHANCE Kent gent, 57, like music, socialising, cinema, fishing and holidays abroad, looking for a wonderful lady, 50-60, for friendship and romance. Cranbrook. Box 468651

ONWARDS & UPWARDS Early 50s widower, very honest and genuine, loves rock music, violin player, great cook, school worker, just hoping to meet someone. Langley. Box 468690

GET TOGETHER Divorced male, 59, 5ft8in, slim with grey hair, likes gardening, fishing, cycling, walks, cooking, going out, travel, seeks a fun and similar woman. Aylesford. Box 468615

HELLO THERE! Sociable lad, 59, from Ashford, enjoy motor racing, films and watching television, looking for a lady to share the good things in life with. Box 465607

CONSIDER THIS Professional male, 50s, likes live music, eating in and out, W/LTM slim female, to share interests

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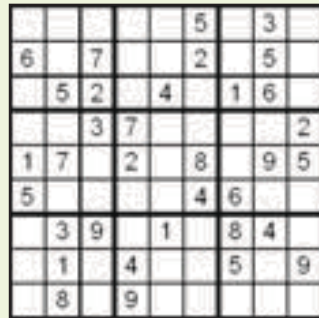
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- 1 Where to find soldier in hospital? (7,4)
 9 Attempt by Peter first to find room (6)
 10 Drafting instrument taken initially to plaza (1-6)
 12 Tar twice smeared gently on bicycle pedal (3-4)
 14 Track British-American coach (7)
 15 Striker may have a hand in it (6-5)
 16 Mother hoping to include character from Greece (3)
 17 Best quality surface (3)
 19 Stump pedestrian store supervisor (11)
 22 Unruly sot with wealthy bird (7)
 23 Panic after spike is put on cap (7)
 24 Part of Harlequin always related to horses (7)
 25 Graduate Liz's heartless account on French novelist (6)
 26 Field's small time fragrant plant (11)

DOWN

- 2 Rodney included a levy, it's the driver's duty (4,3)
 3 Old and experienced Oriental in rebuilt tavern (7)
 4 Playful sort of dog? (3)
 5 Stream, a wet sort on right path (11)
 6 Avenge quieter eccentric (7)
 7 Injector's babble? (6)
 8 It produces a shocking record (11)
 11 Novice offender? (11)
 13 Compartment had finally been stereotyped (11)
 18 Not pleased to go to sea (3,3)
 19 Fee I can arrange for glazed earthenware (7)
 20 Declare animal came up stream (7)
 21 Area of Ireland in which I larked about (7)
 25 Bend front of ship (3)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Not having enough tools (3-8)
 9 Caress (6)
 10 Highest part of building (7)
 12 Glossy coat (7)
 14 Disciple (7)
 15 Trustworthiness (11)
 16 Surprised expression (3)
 17 Mat (3)
 19 Unpleasant to taste (11)
 22 Legendary Spanish nobleman (3,4)
 23 Acrobatis bar (7)
 24 Bouquet (7)
 25 Understanding (6)
 26 Band of gold (7-4)

DOWN

- 2 Sideways (7)
 3 Foreign articles (7)
 4 Employ (3)
 5 Neapolitan flower (5,6)
 6 Environmental study (7)
 7 Attics (anag.) (6)
 8 Dashboard instrument (11)
 11 Make more than is wanted (11)
 13 Zigzag (7-4)
 18 Signal support (6)
 19 Howl (7)
 20 Rotates (anag.) (7)
 21 Enter forcibly (5,2)
 25 Vase (3)

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU'RE not sure how to handle a domestic problem. You hate dealing in the realm of emotions; you'd rather work out problems logically. Unfortunately, that just isn't possible right now. There are too many feelings boiling over. Respect a person's need to vent their frustrations.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

DON'T rely on a friend who has broken promises in the past. This leopard hasn't changed their spots. If you lend them money, you'll never see it again. It will be difficult to get your ideas across. It seems like a rival is doing everything in their power to oppose you.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

BEWARE of buying into someone's sob story. They are trying to manipulate you. Turn them down if they ask for money or an alibi or you'll be implicating yourself in their bad behaviour. Working behind the scenes will impress the people who are in charge.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DISCOVERING a loved one's secrets will be a real eye opener. You're starting to realise you need to be more objective. Too often, you put your nearest and dearest on pedestals. By adopting a more realistic attitude, you won't be setting anyone up for disappointment.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'RE not sure if you want to move forward with a romance. Relinquishing your independence is a difficult prospect. Although you love working as a team, part of you hates having to compromise to accommodate other people. Maybe a temporary separation will sort out your feelings.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IT'S hard to focus on the problems at hand, mostly because you're not sure how to solve them. The temptation to run away will be strong, but you must resist or innocent victims will be forced to deal with the fallout. A colleague's nasty behaviour is getting under your skin.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

DWELLING on old problems won't help you make any progress. You've got to forget the past and formulate plans for the future. Someone could break their promise regarding money that is owed to you. You'll have to find another way to cover the bills until this cheque arrives.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

IT FEELS like your boss has an axe to grind against you. No matter what you do they will always find fault. Instead of trying to accommodate the powers that be, just go with the flow. In time, you'll be given more freedom. Right now you need to prove you can play by the rules.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU could become a victim of fraud. Check your bank and credit card balances on a daily basis. If you see any strange activity notify the authorities immediately. Your boss will go back on a promise to you. Maybe this is a sign you need to look elsewhere for employment.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

FINDING a job is more difficult than you think. All the rejection is starting to get under your skin. Instead of beating your head against a brick wall, look for volunteer opportunities. Granted, this won't help your financial situation, but it will boost your ego.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

STOP fooling yourself about a troubled member of the family. This relative needs help, or they'll just keep on causing chaos. It may be necessary to issue your loved one an ultimatum. Refusing to put up with their bad behaviour could prompt them to get the help they need.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THERE is some confusion surrounding finances. Money you were promised has not arrived. You'll have to get outside help to straighten out this problem. Although you hate playing second banana to somebody else, you must admit you are out of your depth in this situation.

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ACROSS: 8 Ill-equipped 9 Stroke 10 Roof-top 12 Varnish 14 Gantry 19 Utilate 20 Toaster 21 Break in 25 Uhm. **DOWN:** 2 Lateral 3 Exotic 4 Use 5 Parma violet 6 Ecology 7 Static 8 Speedometer 11 Overproduce 13 Hairpin-bend 18 Apostrophe 15 Reliability 16 Coo 17 Ring 19 Unpalatable 22 Don't Wedded-rng.

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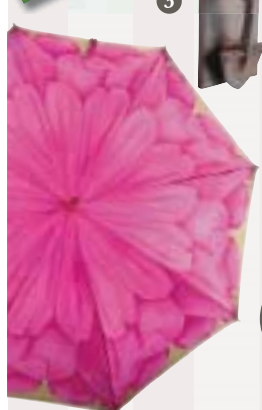
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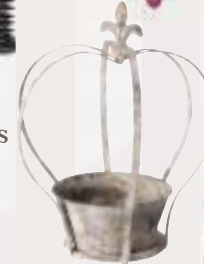
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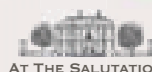


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Urban showcase on your doorstep



VARIETY OF TALENT: Tom Williams and The Boat will be joining the line-up

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE county's first urban music festival will be held in Tunbridge Wells at the end of the month.

Billed as Unfest, the two-day event will see more than 100 acts perform across five venues in the affluent west Kent town.

Major bands are set to play sets at the Forum, acoustic performers have been given slots at the Duke of York, electronic acts will be staged at the Ragged Trousers, an unlikely mix of DJs and folk artists will play at the Sussex Arms and the odd act will also play the Pantiles' bandstand.

Confirmed performers include The Bela Lugosi Blues, Honey Ride Me a Goat, Kid Pang, Klaus, Krissy & The Jackdaws, Syd Arthur, Tom Williams & The Boat and Zoo For You.

Unlabel co-founder Jason Dornon said: "The free event will showcase bands from Tunbridge Wells, across Kent and the occasional out-of-town act we just thought would be cool to have down."

"Please note there are no headliners and no specific running order. This is not about your favourite act; this is about embracing what you have on your doorstep."

"We want to create a regional music festival that will, alongside the long tradition of a thriving local music community, really push the area into a hotbed for the arts."

"We aim to showcase the variety of talent on the label and some of the more original artists from all over the South East. We want to spread the net a little further afield, artistically as well as geographically."

Fellow curators John Banfield and Chris Pritchard said: "This is very much an urban music festival as opposed to one centred around a main or single stage."

"We've got some great acts booked for the Pantiles bandstand, to create a snapshot and

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Belleville perform For You (Forever Young) in Canterbury.



Jus' Ben covers Keane's modern classic Everybody's Changing.



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- 1 Craig Sheridan - Times Change (from Deal)
- 2 I.R.I.S - Thicker Than Water (from Deal)
- 3 Craig Sheridan - Winter Sunn
- 4 Save Target As - You've Got Me (from Deal)
- 5 Shelta - We Can Make It (from Bexley)

introduce what is happening at the Forum and the Sussex Arms, not only this weekend but throughout the year.

"We look forward to growing this as an event. It's essentially a music festival because that's what we specialise in."

"In later years local film makers, theatre groups, photographers, artists and poets may wish to become involved."

Unfest runs on Saturday, May 29 to Sunday 30. For details visit www.twforum.co.uk/unfest



DITCH THE CAR: Cycling is the preferred mode of travel at Center Parcs, so take your bikes or hire them when you get there

yourgetaways

Go green on a staycation you won't want to leave

■ BY NIGEL WILLIAMS

If the idea of flying fills you with fear, go for a relaxing break close to home, at Center Parcs in Suffolk.

There are four Center Parcs villages dotted around Britain: Elveden Forest in Suffolk, Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire, Longleat Forest in Wiltshire and Whinell Forest in Cumbria.

Encircled by 400 acres of forest environment, they all have well-equipped villas, apartments and lodges in a natural environment amongst trees and streams.

At the entrance to Elveden Forest, my long-suffering Mondeo was surrounded by Mercedes and BMWs.

But deep in the forest, it is soon time to leave your gas-guzzler in the car park and think bike instead, and consider all the pollution which we could avoid by walking and cycling everywhere.

Our villa was heated by an 'intelligent' thermostat and lit by energy-efficient bulbs, while I could recycle kitchen waste in a three-section bin.

On a previous visit, we'd stayed in a cosy, if box-like, villa set in woodland, but our real treat this time was an executive lodge – a two-storey Scandinavian-style house, complete with attached sauna to enhance the outdoors Nordic feel.

Suddenly, I could see why the 'staycation' craze persuades Britons to holiday at home. Our lodge was so snug and comfortable – with a log fire to relax by, dishwasher and maid service to tackle chores – that I wondered if we could ever summon up the nerve to go outside.

The case for staying inside was even stronger when we discovered

KEY FACTS: CENTER PARCS

Best for	Trying new activities
Time to go	Less busy in spring or autumn
Don't miss	Relaxing spa session
Need to know	Book activities in advance
Don't forget	Arrive early to use facilities



Nigel Williams was a guest of Center Parcs in Elveden Forest, where a four-bedroom executive lodge starts at £299 for a three-night weekend break, or four nights in mid-week. A four-bedroom lodge sleeping up to eight starts at £679.

Sample prices include: Adult bike £24 per break; child's bike £16; three-hour World of Spa experience from £26; one lane for ten pin bowling (six players) from £20. Activities prices start at £3 per person. For details visit www.center-parcs.co.uk. Reservations: 08448 266 266

the games room with a cupboard of board games, a massive flatscreen TV and Playstation, plus a pool table for the more active.

It even tempted our sons away from the wall-mounted TVs in each bedroom.

Of course, our isolated idleness couldn't last. Soon, our youngest son was demanding action in the dome-covered Sub Tropical Swimming Paradise, a palm-fringed pool complex that is the focus of most family breaks.

A weighty brochure is needed to detail all the activities and adventures on offer at Center Parcs, so this is a great time to tackle something new.

We chose a popular family activity – ten pin bowling – and then each of

us selected a favourite individual activity.

Some are great value, such as a session on the indoor climbing wall for our 12-year-old son (£5). Specialised activities are more expensive – it cost £21 for our adult son to try his outdoor climbing skills on a 13-metre climbing wall and tree-top ropes. Bills soon mount up.

But some of our best times were spent simply cycling around the woodland setting.

Center Parcs really does make the most of its setting – when we weren't looking out on the forest, we could admire the woodland view which covers the wall in the sitting room to reinforce the impression that we were having a commendably 'green' holiday.

MOTORS NEWS



Alfa names the price of its stylish Giulietta

ALFA Romeo has announced its eagerly-awaited Ford Focus-class hatchback Giulietta, due in July, will be priced from £16,995. The stylish Italian offers two diesels and three petrol engines, including a 235bhp turbocharged 1,750cc performance flagship wearing the brand's famous Cloverleaf label.

Standard features will include a start-stop system and the DNA system already seen on the smaller MiTo, allowing the car's on-road behaviour to be tailored to the conditions.



Best-selling Fiesta gets an all-round upgrade

SAFETY and powertrain upgrades are part of the first significant makeover for Britain's best-selling car, the Ford Fiesta.

Most notable is that all new Fiestas come with electronic stability programme as standard, bringing the supermini in line with larger Fords, and CO₂ emissions have been cut. Specifications have been enhanced generally – flagship Titanium models now have £200 of Bluetooth and USB connectivity as standard.

The Fiesta holds 8.6 per cent share of the UK motor market.



Value of used big cars unhurt by fuel surge

EXPERTS at motor-market valuation bible Glass's Guide say soaring UK petrol prices are not hitting values for used luxury cars, large prestige SUV (sports utility vehicles) and supercars.

And despite pump prices being at record highs this is seemingly having little effect on so-called gas-guzzlers.

While the value of a typical family car has risen at least 2 per cent since January, large 4x4s like the Land Rover Discovery, pictured, have climbed by twice this amount.



i-CATCHING NEWCOMER: The attention to detail inside Hyundai's new i30 family hatchback is impressive and includes add-ons such as glove cooler box and heated door mirrors

New Hyundai hatchback humbles best of the rest

ROAD TEST HYUNDAI i30

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Like the Ceed the i30 majors on its 'designed and built for Europe' origins and the material and quality levels are impressive.

There is a lot of the Ceed about the roomy interior – no bad thing as the Kia impressed market-watchers and scared rival European manufacturers on arrival. Predictably, it also feels much like the Ceed on road; a decent all-rounder in which responsive handling is balanced by ride quality and comfort. It is not the greatest drive but is certainly not dull.

As ever with Korean marques, the car also comes generously equipped as standard: steering wheel mounted audio controls for the six-speaker system, alloys, heated door mirrors, front fog lights, glove box cooler, air con, luggage net and hook in boot, seatbelt warning and traction control are included.

This combines with pricing and the famous Hyundai five-year warranty to make it extremely competitive against Ford Focus-class rivals.

Hyundai sells a lot of 1.4-litre petrol i30s to customers attracted by the £12,300 lead-in price, but the 1.6-litre (from £13,500) is tempting, too, while the 1.6 diesel (from £13,250) is the pick for economy and there is also an impressive sporting 2.0 diesel option.



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Citroen C3 Pluriel 1.6 2-Door Cabriolet Jan 2004
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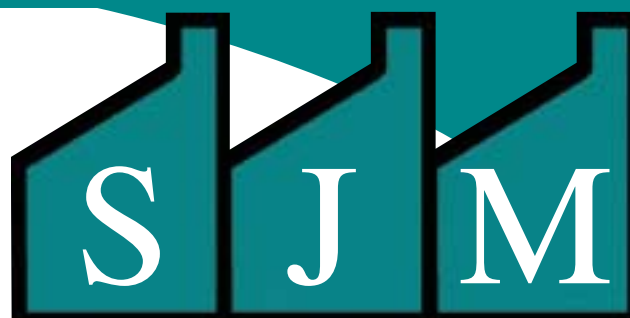
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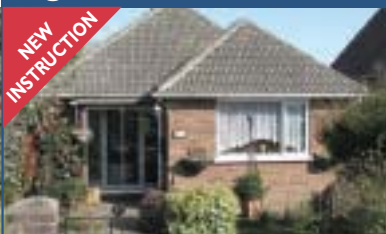
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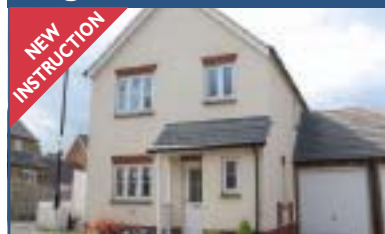
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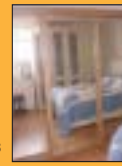
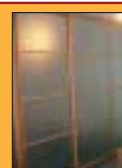
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ON THE GAS: Mat Jackson won the final race

Fans treated to wet and wild day at Brands

MOTORSPORT

THOUSANDS of motorsport fans braved the miserable weather conditions at the weekend to witness an action-packed third round of the British Touring Car Championship at Brands Hatch.

Torrential rain left the 2.3-mile Grand Prix circuit drenched on Sunday. The tricky conditions produced three thrilling races won by Tom Chilton, Tom Onslow-Cole and Mat Jackson. The latter gave the Wrotham-based Motorbase Performance team a win on home soil.

The first race was run in heavy rain but it failed to affect the speed of pole sitter Chilton's gas-powered Ford. He stormed into the lead at the Paddock Hill bend followed

by WSR's Rob Collard and Onslow-Cole.

The Ford driver kept his head after two safety car periods. Honda driver Gordon Shedden began to close the gap to Chilton, but was unable to threaten the leader who took the chequered flag. Shedden finished second with Onslow-Cole in third.

An incident-packed second race saw the safety car deployed twice as cars struggled to stay on the slippery tarmac. Chilton crossed the line to take a double win from team-mate Onslow-Cole and Shedden third. However,

after the race Chilton was disqualified for an underweight car and the win was handed to Onslow-Cole.

The final race went right down to the final lap. With the grid reversed, Motorbase's Kane started on pole position, but he lost the lead to Tom Boardman at the first corner. Kane's team-mate, Mat Jackson, surged up the field from 11th and was third at the end of the first lap. He soon grabbed the lead and was followed by Kane before the safety car came out.

With the track drying out, Matt Neal caught and passed Kane, but Jackson held his nerve to win the race. The Kent squad lead the team championship by two points.

FOOTBALL

Picture: FFC



MOVING ON: Premier Division champions Faversham Town are leaving the Kent League

Concerns for future of league if clubs leave

THE Kent League's Premier Division could feature just 15 teams next season, raising concerns among the remaining clubs about the competition's long-term future.

The division features 16 sides this season, but with champions Faversham Town promoted and no new sides guaranteed to enter, there could only be 28 league games per club in the next campaign.

It is not a new problem for the division, which has reduced in size largely as a result of its own success after several sides have gone up and not looked back.

John Bathurst, chairman at Herne Bay, admitted it was a worry.

He said: "The league won't fold but it will make a mockery of it. If Herne Bay or Hythe go for promotion – and I'm sure they will – you could have 14 and it's untenable to have a league like that."

The division could yet have a new team in August, with Bexleyheath side Phoenix Sports potentially able to come up from the County League below.

Denise Richmond, league chairman, acknowledged 15 clubs was far from ideal, but said there was no alternative until the long-awaited step six division is introduced.

She said: "In the bigger picture this stresses the need for pushing step six because the gap between steps five and seven are so wide."

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MIXED FORTUNES: Darren Stevens (in bat) has started the season brightly, while Joe Denly (right) and his team-mates have been criticised for a lack of concentration in the field



Picture: ADY KERRY

Dropped catches blamed for Kent's slow start to season

CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

A LACK of concentration in the field has been blamed for Kent's sluggish start after as many as 12 catches have been downed in their four games of the new season.

Missed chances on the opening day of the LV= County Championship game at Nottinghamshire, which included having centurion Hashim Amla out lbw on a no-ball, left them a beaten side by the end of day one, while in the draw at Lancashire last week, Ashwell Prince – who went on to make 115 – was dropped by Joe Denly on 16.

Head coach Paul Farbrace believes the side have dropped as many as a dozen genuine chances which could have dramatically changed the view of the county's start to the season.

"If we had caught our catches it could have been a very different start to the season," he said. "According to the score at Trent Bridge we were soundly beaten but if we had taken our chances there it could have been different, while against Yorkshire we should have won but dropped catches in the second innings.

"Again at Manchester we dropped crucial catches and they got about 100 more than they should have got and it would have been a closer game than it was.

"I don't think we've bowled terribly and I don't think we've batted terribly, we have just dropped catches which has allowed the opposition to get away from us. You can't afford in any cricket, and especially Division One cricket, to not take your chances. It is a lack of concentration that has cost us."

While a lot has been made about Kent's makeshift bowling attack, which at different times has been missing Dewald Nel, Robbie Joseph and Simon Cook though injury, and now James Tredwell who is on England duty, they have performed reasonably well. It's the batting line-up that hasn't fired, with just Darren Stevens putting together any form of consistency.

Skipper Rob Key and fellow batsmen Joe

Denly, Geraint Jones, Sam Northeast and to some extent Martin van Jaarsveld, have struggled to put consistent scores on the board, but Farbrace is convinced they, and the team, will come good.

"I still think that although we haven't played our best cricket and we certainly haven't done that in any area, whether it's batting, bowling or fielding, we can perform at this level and win games and know we can finish a good way up the table," he said.

"It's not panic stations but it's something we have identified and everyone is aware of and it's not a case of sweeping it under the carpet by making excuses, it's not about luck, you've got to take your chances."

One player that has been in good form is Stevens, who followed up his 92 against Yorkshire with an unbeaten 101 at Lancashire and Farbrace has been delighted with his start to the summer.

He said: "Probably the stand out player has been Darren Stevens, his form has been outstanding."

Kent began their championship game against Warwickshire at St Lawrence yesterday. For news, visit our website.

Town's young guns impress

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

COACH Mark Patterson believes Ashford Town are set for a bright future following the first trial of the club's new youth academy.

The Ashford Town Football Academy, launched in March, in association with the town's The North School, held its maiden trial for potential first year entrants last Monday.

The academy provides full-time training and academic courses to aspiring footballers aged between 16 and 18 in a bid to help them progress into professional or semi-professional football. The academy side will play in the Ryman Youth League next season.

Quality

Patterson, the academy director and former Gillingham youth team boss, was impressed with the 22 young players who turned out for the trial.

He said: "I'm very pleased with the quality on show. Not everyone who applied could turn up so we will have another trial in six weeks' time to make sure we see all the applicants."

"At this stage I look for a mixture of things in the young players. I am initially looking for a footballer. The main areas I am looking at are their touch, awareness and their academic abilities. At this stage it doesn't matter how physically developed they are."



Picture: KETH SLATER



Picture: IGOR KUPKO

ON COURSE: Mark Patterson is pleased with how Ashford's youth academy is progressing and (pictured on left with boss Steve Lovell), assistant manager Hugo Langton has left the club

It is early days for the academy but after just one trial Patterson believes he can unearth some talented players who will go on to feature for Ashford Town and beyond. The 41-year-old helped develop the likes of Jack Payne, Luke Rooney and Tom Wynter in his time at the Gills and believes he can do something similar at Homelands.

He said: "When I was working at Gillingham, Ashford was a really untapped area. I am convinced there are players out

there who will have a bright future in the game. Over the years we have seen the likes of Luke Rooney and Jack Payne who have gone on to play in the Gillingham first-team.

"Chris Smalling [Fulham], who was at Maidstone, is another example and young players can look to him and see what is possible."

Elsewhere at the club, Ashford Town manager Steve Lovell is expected to meet chairman Don Crosbie this week to discuss plans for next season, and that will include doing

without the services of assistant boss Hugo Langton left the club after two years at Homelands.

Town will also continue to ground share with Maidstone United next season after the Ryman Premier League side were thwarted in their attempts to move to Chatham Town.

The Stones had been looking for an alternative ground share arrangement elsewhere, but will honour their three-year agreement at Ashford.



Picture: IGOR KUPKO

SEASON OPENER: Ashford begin their Kent League Division One campaign against Sibton Park on Saturday

New skipper relishing chance to lead Ashford

CRICKET

ASHFORD Town will start the cricket season this weekend with new skipper Liam Tegg leading the side in Kent League Division One.

The 20-year-old former Norton Knatchbull captain has taken over the reins from former skipper Craig Buckham, who has left the club, and is looking forward to the opening game against Sibton Park this Saturday.

Tegg, who was the 1st XI's second highest wicket taker last season, is excited by the challenge of leading the side despite losing four players over the winter, although they have added highly-rated Australian wicketkeeper-batsmen Kyle McAlister to their team.

The new captain has set his side a simple

task on the eve of the new season, which is to win as many games as possible.

He said: "Preparations for the new season have gone well and I think even though we have lost four players we are much closer as a team this year."

"We have a lot of quality at the club and some of the second XI players have stepped up to the 1st XI this year. We just want to enjoy our cricket and win as many games as we can. If we can do that we will see where we go from there."

"We know a bit about Sibton from previous games, but we are just going into the game hoping for a good start to the season."

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